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# State Center entrepreneur speaks at Congressional committee

"It was a good hearing, it was kind of a celebratory hearing," said entrepreneur and business owner Afton Stout of State Center. "The main thing that kind of affects our area is connectivity and making sure everybody has access to internet and fairly priced internet."

# FirstNet Supports First Responder Communications at Oklahoma Balloon Festival

In August 2018, the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe hosted its annual FireLake Fireflight Balloon Festival, a two-day event that attracts crowds as large as 34,000 people to Shawnee, Oklahoma, every year. With FirstNet, the first nationwide network dedicated to public safety, first responders are guaranteed priority service, preemptive use, and an "always-on" connection during large events, natural disasters, or man-made catastrophes.

# Online Retail Experienced 28 Billion Credential Stuffing Attacks Occurred in the Second Half of 2018

Mass automated attacks using stolen credentials are on the rise. The bad guys are always looking for a quick path to revenue. They've found on in the retail industry using a combination of credential stuffing and advanced large-scale botnets designed to target 120 online retailers at once.

# Underfunded Norman Public Schools to use 'telehealth' program, utilize virtual nurses

This new, high-tech "telehealth" program being piloted at Irving Middle School and Washington Elementary School is part of the unique partnership between Norman Regional Health System and Norman Public Schools, Cook said.

#### Four States Work Toward a Single Log-In Credential

As they grapple with security and data access, Utah, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Indiana explain how they are leveraging identity and access management to achieve their single sign-on goals for both staff and citizens.

### Finding the Flaws in the Federal Broadband Maps

Frustrated with the FCC maps, the National Association of Counties and other federal agencies are looking to figure out which communities lack broadband access.

#### The business case for health insurers to embrace public cloud

Sharing systems and data, speed to market and agility and improved security are among the reasons payers are making the move to cloud.

#### I tried an online doctor -- and survived

"The entire 20-minute process was smooth and breezy. It felt like an actual doctor's visit, without having to queue, and it kind of made sense for a minor illness like my allergies."

# Trump's 2020 Budget Requests About \$11 Billion For Cyber Defense and Operations

The president's budget proposal asks for more than \$9.6 billion for Defense Department cyber operations and just over \$1 billion for civilian cybersecurity efforts.

#### Governors are paying more attention to technology than ever before

Until a few years ago, work related to technology in state government was mostly limited to backoffice information technology shops. But emerging technologies are now taking center stage as governors see the role they can play in supporting the economy and recognize the necessity of digital connectivity in creating a resilient workforce.

# FBI warns industry that hackers could probe vulnerable connections in building systems

A port for communicating with control systems in buildings leaves unpatched devices on those networks exposed to hackers, the FBI warned the private sector this week, calling attention to a longstanding issue in an often-overlooked segment of critical infrastructure.

#### N.C. Libraries, IT Agency Test Wi-Fi Hot Spots for Students

The program is funded by a \$250,000 two-year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which is designed to equip local libraries to lead their communities in closing the homework gap.

### STEM Club taking off at Gehlen

Gehlen Catholic School's sixth-grade robotics program, known as STEM Club, is just starting to turn its gears but students are excited to explore the possibilities.

### Protect Yourself Against a Cyberattack

Cybersecurity involves preventing, detecting, and responding to cyberattacks that can have wide ranging effects on the individual, organizations, the community, and at the national level. Cyberattacks are malicious attempts to access or damage a computer system. Cyberattacks can lead to loss of money, theft of personal information, and damage to your reputation and safety.

### Where's My State Tax Refund? Check Our Map

Changes in federal tax laws have many taxpayers eagerly anticipating the arrival of their state refund. View our interactive map of state revenue departments to see when your check will show up in your account.



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